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Subject: Public Hearing and Study Session, Zoning Code amendment for appeals to City Council and reclassification of Conditional Use Permits

I am unable to attend the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 12th so please consider this email my comment towards the Public Hearing with regards to the above issue.

I am disturbed as a citizen about changing the appeals process for Conditional Use Permits. I believe that as our Council Members are elected (but our commission members and City staff are not), the Council members have a ***duty to represent their constituents***. Removing elected officials from the appeals process eliminates our representation and would require that a citizen or civic action group would need to hire an attorney. The necessity of an attorney would effectively silence appeals as many could not afford the exorbitant costs of legal representation.

Please reconsider changing the appeals process for Conditional Use Permits. Citizens already feel the lack of connection with their council members and decisions being made; no citizen should be required to hire an attorney to feel represented in their own city.

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